

Thursday, May 9, 1996

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S4883–S4956*

**Measures Introduced:** Two bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1741 and 1742. **Page S4937**

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows:

S. 1014, to improve the management of royalties from Federal and Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas leases, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 104–260)

S. 1425, to recognize the validity of rights-of-way granted under section 2477 of the Revised Statutes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 104–261)

S. 1627, to designate the visitor center at Jean Lafitte National Historical Park in New Orleans, Louisiana as the “Laura C. Hudson Visitor Center.” (S. Rept. No. 104–262)

S.J. Res. 42, A joint resolution designating the Civil War Center at Louisiana State University as the United States Civil War Center, making the center the flagship institution for planning the sesquicentennial commemoration of the Civil War, and for other purposes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 104–263) **Page S4937**

#### Measures Passed:

*Megan’s Law:* Senate passed H.R. 2137, to amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 to require the release of relevant information to protect the public from sexually violent offenders, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S4921**

**White House Travel Office/Former Employees:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2937, for the reimbursement of legal expenses and related fees incurred by former employees of the White House Travel Office with respect to the termination of their employment in that office on May 19, 1993, taking action on the following amendments proposed there-to: **Pages S4890–93, S4895–S4926**

Pending:

(1) Dole Amendment No. 3952, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4890**

(2) Dole Amendment No. 3953 (to Amendment No. 3952), to provide for an effective date for the settlement of certain claims against the United States. **Page S4890**

(3) Dole Amendment No. 3954 (to Amendment No. 3953), to provide for an effective date for the settlement of certain claims against the United States. **Page S4890**

(4) Dole motion to refer the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report back forthwith. **Pages S4921–26**

(5) Dole Amendment No. 3955 (to the instructions to the motion to refer), to provide for an effective date for the settlement of certain claims against the United States. **Pages S4921–26**

(6) Dole Amendment No. 3961 (to Amendment No. 3955), to provide for the repeal of the 4.3 cent increase in fuel tax rates enacted by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993. **Pages S4921–26**

Withdrawn:

Dole Amendment No. 3960 (to Amendment No. 3955), to provide for the repeal of the 4.3 cent increase in fuel tax rates enacted by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993, to clarify that an employer may establish and participate in worker-management cooperative organizations to address matters of mutual interest to employers and employees, and to provide for an increase in the minimum wage rate. **Pages S4890–93, S4895–S4921**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate took the following action:

By 52 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 111), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to close further debate on Amendment No. 3960, listed above. **Pages S4920–21**

The motion to waive Titles III and IV of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of Amendment No. 3960, listed above, became moot when Amendment No. 3960 was withdrawn. **Pages S4901, S4921**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Amendment No. 3961, listed above and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Tuesday, May 14, 1996. **Pages S4921–22**

Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Monday, May 13, 1996.

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Richard A. Lazzara, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida.

Margaret M. Morrow, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

32 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Marine Corps and Foreign Service. **Pages S4954–56**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S4947–52**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—111) **Pages S4920–21**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:15 a.m., and adjourned at 6:57 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, May 13, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S4952–53.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS—INS/BUREAU OF PRISONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, the Judiciary and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Kathleen M. Hawk, Director, Bureau of Prisons, and Doris Meissner, Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service, both of the Department of Justice.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, May 14.

### APPROPRIATIONS—LABOR

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of

Labor, receiving testimony from Robert B. Reich, Secretary of Labor.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, May 15.

### APPROPRIATIONS—FTA

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Federal Transit Administration, receiving testimony from Gordon J. Linton, Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, May 16.

### 1997 BUDGET

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government.

### GASOLINE PRICE INCREASES

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded hearings to examine recent supply shortfalls in crude oil and gasoline, their price impacts, the Administration's response, and long-term efforts to reduce future supply disruptions and price increases, after receiving testimony from Hazel R. O'Leary, Secretary of Energy; James R. Schlesinger, former Secretary of Energy; John H. Lichtblau, Petroleum Industry Research Foundation, Inc., New York, New York; Lew Blackwell, Chevron Products Co., San Francisco, California; Thomas L. Robinson, Robinson Oil Company, Inc., San Jose, California, representing the Society of Independent Gasoline Marketers of America and the Petroleum Marketers Association of America; Robert S. Beadle, Diamond Shamrock, Inc., San Antonio, Texas; and Charles T. Walz, Texaco Refining and Marketing, Inc., Universal City, California.

### IRS MODERNIZATION

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Committee resumed hearings to examine the status of the modernization of the Internal Revenue Service tax information system, receiving testimony from Lynda D. Willis, Director, Tax Policy and Administration Issues, General Government Division, and Rona Stillman, Chief Scientist, Office of Computers and Telecommunications, Accounting and Information Management Division, both of the General Accounting Office; and Michael P. Dolan, Deputy Commissioner, Judy Van Alfen, Associate Commissioner for Modernization, and Jim Donelson, Chief Taxpayer Service and Acting Chief Compliance Officer, all of